

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-4 (Cancelled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method for mounting a plurality of elements comprising:
separating a plurality of elements, which are arrayed at a first period on a substrate, into individual elements while keeping the first period as it is, wherein more than one but not all of the elements in a given row are separated from the substrate;

handling the individually separated elements so as to re-array the elements at a second period having a value equivalent to a multiple of the first period; and

transferring the re-arrayed elements on a mounting board, wherein the elements are mounted to the mounting board at a period equivalent to the second period,

wherein said element re-arraying step comprises fixing the individually separated elements on a support enlargeable by a set multiple while keeping the first period of the elements as it is, and enlarging the support by the set multiple, thereby re-arraying the elements at a second period having a value equivalent to the first period multiplied by the set multiple, and

~~wherein said fixing is carried out by fixing the individually separated elements on a film-like support deformable by said set multiple, and~~

~~said enlarging is carried out by drawing the film-like support at said set multiple.~~

6. (Previously Presented) A method for mounting a plurality of elements comprising:

separating a plurality of elements, which are arrayed at a first period on a substrate, into individual elements while keeping the first period as it is, wherein more than one but not all of the elements in a given row are separated from the substrate;

handling the individually separated elements so as to re-array the elements at a second period having a value equivalent to a multiple of the first period; and

transferring the re-arrayed elements on a mounting board, wherein the elements are mounted to the mounting board at a period equivalent to the second period,

wherein said element re-arraying step comprises fixing the individually separated elements on a support enlargeable by a set multiple while keeping the first period of the elements

as it is, and enlarging the support by the set multiple, thereby re-arraying the elements at a second period having a value equivalent to the first period multiplied by the set multiple, and wherein said fixing is carried out by fixing the individually separated elements on a support previously, repeatedly folded so as to be developable at said set multiple; and said enlarging is carried out by developing the support at said set multiple.

Claims 7-19 (Cancelled)

20. (New) A method for mounting a plurality of elements according to claim 5, wherein said fixing is carried out by fixing the individually separated elements on the support deformable by said set multiple, and said enlarging is carried out by drawing the support at said set multiple.